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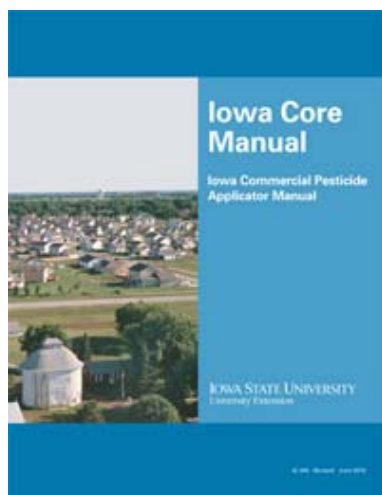
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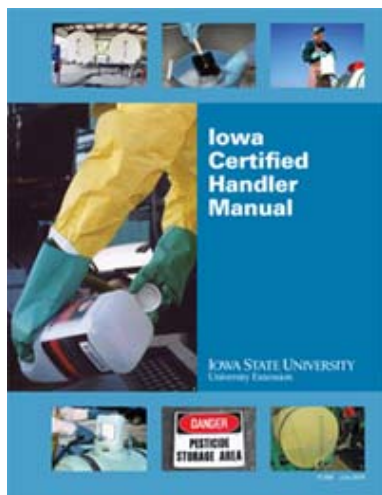
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The Pest Management and the Environment Program (PME) at Iowa State University has revised several training manuals for commercial pesticide applicators and certified handlers. The full-color training manuals are intended to provide lowans with the basic understanding of safe and responsible pesticide use and the information needed to successfully pass the certification exams.

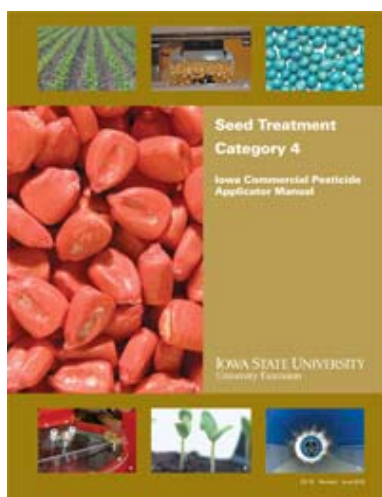
The updated **Iowa Core Manual, IC 445**, contains the core or basic information on state and federal laws and regulations; pest management; label comprehension; pesticides; safety; the environment; and equipment and application techniques.



The **Certified Handler Manual, IC 500**, is a new publication. Previously, lowans who mix, load and/or repackage pesticides would read certain chapters of the Iowa Core Manual to prepare for the certified handlers exam. The stand-alone manual should make it easier for lowans to prepare for the certified handler examination.



Industry and Iowa State experts worked together to revise the **Seed Treatment** commercial pesticide applicator manual, CS 16. This manual provides updated information on how to select, apply, handle and dispose of seed treatments in a safe and effective manner.



Available from Extension Online Store

The Seed Treatment Manual is available now. The Iowa Core Manual and the Certified Handler Manual will be available beginning Sept. 3 at the ISU Extension Online Store at www.extension.iastate.edu/store/ or by contacting the ISU Extension Publications Distribution Center, 119 Printing and Publications Building, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa 50011-3171; telephone (515) 294-5247; fax (515) 294-2945; or e-mail pubdist@iastate.edu.

Certification exams administered by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) will cover information from the new Iowa Core Manual and Certified Handler Manual starting Sept. 7. Seed Treatment certification exams, administered by IDALS, currently include information from the new Seed Treatment Manual.

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